

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN DAVE KASTEN, on January 20, 2009 at 8:02 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dave Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 6, 1/09/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:03 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON BUFFALO RAPIDS DISTRICT II

00:00:24 Alicia Stickney, Grants Program Specialist, Resource
Development Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation(DNRC)

00:01:33 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:47 Chairman Kasten

00:02:23 Rep. Getz

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON BUFFALO RAPIDS PROJECT DISTRICT I

00:03:00 Chairman Kasten

00:03:13 Ms. Stickney

00:03:58 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:12 Chairman Kasten

00:04:15 Rep. Getz

00:04:26 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON RICHLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

00:04:41 Ms. Stickney

00:05:50 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:56 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development
Corporation

EXHIBIT(jlh13a01)

00:12:07 Chairman Kasten

00:12:21 Rep. McNutt

00:13:00 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

00:14:04 Rep. Getz
00:14:10 Mr. Amestoy
00:14:59 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON DALY DITCHES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

00:15:08 Pam Smith, Program Officer, Resource Development
Bureau, Renewal Resources Grant Long Range Program
(RRGL), DNRC
00:16:04 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:10 Paul Barteni, Manager, Daly Ditches Irrigation District
00:17:19 Chairman Kasten
00:17:27 Rudy Kratofil, Chairman, Daly Ditches Irrigation
District
00:18:40 Scott Covert, Board Member, Daly Ditches Irrigation
District
00:19:07 Matt Jergeson, Daly Ditches Irrigation District
00:22:02 Chairman Kasten
00:22:12 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
00:23:40 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:58 Sen. Barkus
00:24:28 Mr. Jergeson
00:25:06 Chairman Kasten
00:25:09 Rep. Getz
00:25:26 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON FORT SHAW IRRIGATION DISTRICT

00:25:38 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:21 Rich Boyle, Chairman, Fort Shaw Irrigation District
00:27:21 Allen Kincaid, Fort Shaw Irrigation District
EXHIBIT(jlh13a02)
00:31:48 Alan Rollo, Sun River Watershed Group

00:31:58 Mr. Murphy

Opponents Testimony: None

HEARING ON EAST BENCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT

00:33:08 Ms. Smith

00:33:37 Chairman Kasten leaves.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:44 Vice Chairman Barkus

00:33:54 Mr. Murphy

Opponents' Testimony: None

HEARING ON TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY

00:34:49 Vice Chairman Barkus

HEARING ON EAST BENCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT

00:34:55 Vice Chairman Barkus reopened hearing.

00:35:06 Mr. Ed Everaert, Dowl-HKM Engineering

EXHIBIT(jlh13a03)

00:40:01 Chairman Kasten returned.

00:40:07 Chairman Kasten placed into the record the following
exhibit:

EXHIBIT(jlh13a04) Brianna Randall, Clark Fork Coalition, in
support of Flathead Basin Commission's Groundwater
Study for Upper Flathead Lake.

HEARING ON TOWN OF VIRGINIA CITY

00:40:14 Chairman Kasten reopened hearing.

00:40:18 Bob Fischer, Civil Engineer Specialist, Resource
Development Bureau, DNRC

00:41:58 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony

00:42:02 Shawn Bryant, Great West Engineering

00:44:37 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:52 Chairman Kasten
00:45:44 Mr. Bryant
00:46:09 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON TOWN OF MANHATTAN

00:46:40 Mr. Fischer
00:47:14 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON HELENA VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT

00:48:06 Mr. Fischer
00:48:39 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:49 Chairman Kasten
00:48:59 Mr. Everaert
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a05\)](#)
00:50:25 Chairman Kasten
00:50:38 Jim Foster, Manager, Helena Valley Irrigation District
00:53:05 Chairman Kasten
00:53:11 Mr. Murphy
00:53:41 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:58 Rep. Getz
00:54:16 Mr. Everaert
00:55:30 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON CITY OF CUT BANK

00:55:42 Ms. Smith
00:56:56 Chairman Kasten
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:57:06 Dave Aune, Great West Engineering
00:59:31 Chairman Kasten
00:59:51 Mr. Aune
01:00:46 Chairman Kasten

Opponents's Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT

01:01:24 Ms. Smith
01:02:07 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:15 Allan Rollo, Sun River Watershed Group
01:04:28 Chairman Kasten
01:04:34 Mr. Murphy
01:05:04 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON GARFIELD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

01:05:53 Ms. Smith
01:06:35 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

01:06:52 Chairman Kasten
01:07:30 Rep. Getz
01:07:36 Chairman Kasten
01:07:39 Rep. Getz
01:07:45 Chairman Kasten
01:07:48 Rep. Getz
01:07:52 Chairman Kasten
01:07:58 Rep. Getz

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON RICHLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

01:08:15 Chairman Kasten reopened hearing.

01:08:28 Kathy Helmeth, Richland County
01:10:56 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON GARFIELD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

01:11:40 Chairman Kasten reopened hearing.
01:12:06 Ms. Duncan
01:12:44 Chairman Kasten
01:12:50 Lloyd Rowton, Mosby Musselshell Watershed Group
01:20:40 Chairman Kasten
01:20:57 Cal Frank, Watershed Coordinator, Mosby
Musselshell Watershed Group

EXHIBIT(jlh13a07)

01:22:30 Chairman Kasten
01:22:36 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana
Association of Conservation Districts
01:22:52 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT

01:24:08 Chairman Kasten reopened hearing.
01:24:15 Bob Hardin, Manager, Greenfields Irrigation District

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:29:16 Chairman Kasten
01:29:27 Mr. Hardin
01:29:32 Chairman Kasten
01:29:34 Mr. Hardin
01:30:15 Chairman Kasten
01:30:33 Mr. Hardin
01:30:49 Chairman Kasten
01:30:54 Mr. Hardin
01:31:25 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON CITY OF CUT BANK

01:31:39 Chairman Kasten reopened hearing.
01:31:45 Sen. Jerry Black, SD 14, Shelby
01:32:30 Chairman Kasten
01:32:40 Mr. Aune, Great West Engineering

EXHIBIT(jlh13a08)

Public Comment:

01:33:21 Chairman Kasten
01:33:28 Larry Draper, Victor, President, Montana Association of
Dam and Canal Systems

EXHIBIT(jlh13a09)

01:36:18 Chairman Kasten

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:36:22 Chairman Kasten

01:36:42 Mr. Draper

01:36:52 Chairman Kasten

01:37:31 Mr. Draper

01:38:50 Chairman Kasten

01:39:00 Mr. Murphy, in support of Malta Irrigation District.

01:39:45 Chairman Kasten

01:39:54 Mark Cunnaue, Western Ground Water Services, in support of City of Bozeman, Hyalite Creek Water Irrigation System

01:41:55 Chairman Kasten

01:42:05 Rick Hixson, Bozeman City Engineer

01:43:28 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON MALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

01:43:56 Ms. Smith

01:44:55 Chairman Kasten

01:45:05 Tara Taborsky, Malta Irrigation District

EXHIBIT(jlh13a10)

01:48:24 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

01:48:40 Wade Jones, Chairman, Malta Irrigation District

01:50:47 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:58 Chairman Kasten

01:52:01 Ms. Taborsky

01:52:26 Chairman Kasten

01:53:19 Break

02:28:52 Reconvene

02:29:03 Chairman Kasten entered into the record that Sen. Rick Ripley, SD 9, Wolf Creek, supports Fort Shaw Irrigation District and Greenfields Irrigation District.

Public Comment:

02:29:49 Rep. Tom Berry, HD 45, Roundup, in support of Garfield
County Conservation District, Mosby Musselshell
Watershed Group
02:30:02 Chairman Kasten
02:30:18 Noorjahan Parwana, Big Hole Watershed Committee
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a11\)](#)
02:31:36 Chairman Kasten

WRAP UP OF HB 6

Private Water Grants

02:31:50 Alice Stanley, Chief, Resource Development Bureau,
DNRC
02:35:18 Chairman Kasten
02:35:38 Mr. Harvey Hackett, Stevensville, Board Member,
Bitterroot Irrigation District, in support of Town of
Stevensville Project
02:36:34 Chairman Kasten
02:37:02 Mr. Hackett, Member, Clark Fork River Basin Group, in
support of Groundwater Study of Upper Flathead Lake
02:37:23 Chairman Kasten
02:37:28 Mr. Hackett
02:37:59 Chairman Kasten

Irrigation Development Grants

02:38:30 Pat Riley, Billings, Irrigation Development Officer,
DNRC, in support of Fort Kipp Project, Fort Peck
Reservation and Mosby Musselshell Water Users Group

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:44:44 Chairman Kasten
02:44:51 Mr. Riley
02:45:00 Chairman Kasten
02:45:06 Mr. Riley
02:45:16 Chairman Kasten

Irrigation Infrastructure Study Results

02:45:23 Ms. Stanley
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a12\)](#)

History of Montana Irrigation Projects

02:48:01 Ms. Stanley

Irrigation Infrastructure Study Results

02:51:31 Ms. Stanley

EXHIBIT(jlh13a13)

02:58:08 Chairman Kasten

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:58:22 Sen. Cooney

02:58:54 Ms. Stanley

02:59:05 Sen. Cooney

02:59:14 Chairman Kasten

Public Comment:

02:59:49 John Crowley, Manager, Bitterroot Irrigation
District

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:03:12 Chairman Kasten

03:03:27 Mr. Crowley

03:03:32 Chairman Kasten

03:03:37 Mr. Crowley

03:04:17 Chairman Kasten

03:04:27 Mr. Crowley

03:04:34 Chairman Kasten

03:04:39 Mr. Crowley

03:04:46 Chairman Kasten

03:04:55 Mr. Crowley

03:05:32 Chairman Kasten

03:05:36 Mr. Crowley

03:06:13 Chairman Kasten

Public Comment:

03:06:25 Mr. Murphy in support Bitterroot District Irrigation
Project

03:07:18 Chairman Kasten

Instructions to staff:

03:08:00 Sen. Williams

03:08:05 Chairman Kasten

03:08:19 Ms. Duncan

03:09:44 Chairman Kasten entered into the record that Lockwood
Water Project be considered in HB 11, TSEP grant.

Public Comment:

03:11:30 Rep. Bob Wagner, HD 71, Harrison, on behalf of Town of
Virginia City

03:12:49 Chairman Kasten

Questions from Committee Members and Response:

03:12:59 Chairman Kasten

03:13:33 Rep. Wagner

03:15:02 Chairman Kasten

03:15:06 Rep. Wagner

03:15:14 Ms. Stanley

EXHIBIT(jlh13a14)

03:15:47 Chairman Kasten

ADJOURNMENT

03:15:59 Adjournment 11:18 A.M.

MARY ANN MACKAY, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jlh13aad.pdf](#))